



ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Approved July 18, 2011
JUNE 20, 2011

The Electric Utility Commission (EUC) convened in a regular meeting in the Shudde Fath Conference Room at 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Linda Shaw, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Commissioners in attendance: Linda Shaw, Vice Chair; Gary ‘Bernie’ Bernfeld, Shudde Fath, Steve Taylor, and Dr. Michael E. Webber. Phillip Schmandt, Chair, and Stephen Smaha were absent.

Staff in attendance: Larry Weis, Cheryl Mele, Kerry Overton, Elaine Hart, J.J. Gutierrez, Ann Little, Andy Perny, Jackie Sargent, Alan Claypool, Karl Rabago, Pat Sweeney, Ed Clark, David Kutach, Kathleen Garrett, Fred Yebra, Scott Jarman, Jim Collins, Adrienne Brandt, Matt Russell, Marnie Cervenka, Cindi Perez, Carlos Cordova, Drusilla Saenz, and Toye Goodson Collins of Austin Energy; Rosemary Ledesma and Shawn Harris of the Purchasing Department.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve minutes of the May 16, 2011 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 5-0.**
3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.**

NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT ITEMS

4. Recommend approval of an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$20,000 in cooperative agreement funds from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Austin Energy Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20100913-002) to appropriate \$20,000 to continue the Solar City Partnership to promote the use of solar energy. **Motion to approve on consent by Commissioner Bernfeld, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, passed on a vote of 5-0.**
5. Recommend issuance of a rebate to Spring Valley Apartments for performing duct sealing at their 214-unit complex located at 2302 E. William Cannon Drive, in an amount not to exceed \$80,965. **Motion to approve on consent by Commissioner Bernfeld, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, passed on a vote of 5-0.**
6. Recommend authorization to award and execute Amendment No. 2 to a contract with SIMTEC INCORPORATED, Madison, WI for the purchase of maintenance and support services for RTSim Software for Austin Energy - Energy Marketing Operations (EMO) to extend the contract for one 12-month extension option in an estimated not to exceed \$46,539 with two additional 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$48,866, for the third 12-month extension option and \$51,309 for the fourth extension option for a revised total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$233,249. **Motion to approve on consent by Commissioner Bernfeld, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, passed on a vote of 5-0.**
7. Recommend authorization to award and execute a contract with ALFRED CONHAGEN, INC., OF TEXAS, La Marque, TX, to rebuild a water circulating pump for Sand Hill Energy Center in an amount not to exceed \$53,524. **Motion to approve on consent by Commissioner Bernfeld, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, passed on a vote of 5-0.**

8. Recommend authorization to award and execute a contract with CONTROL COMPONENTS, INC., Rancho Santa Margarita, CA, for the purchase of valve repair parts for Unit 5 at the Sand Hill Energy Center in an amount not to exceed \$62,963. **Motion to approve on consent by Commissioner Bernfeld, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, passed on a vote of 5-0.**
9. Recommend authorization to award and execute Amendment No. 2 to a contract with JASPER SOFTWARE CORPORATION, San Francisco, CA for the purchase of maintenance and support services for Intelligence Suite Software for financial and management reporting for Austin Energy Corporate Quality Services to extend the contract for one 12-month extension option in an estimated not to exceed \$35,000, with one additional 12-month extension option in an estimated amount not to exceed \$38,000, for a revised total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$153,500. **Motion to approve on consent by Commissioner Bernfeld, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, passed on a vote of 5-0.**
10. Recommend authorization to award, negotiate, and execute Amendment No. 2 to a contract with SIMPLEX GRINNELL L.P., Round Rock, TX, for inspection, testing, maintenance, and repair service for fire suppression and alarm systems for Austin Energy, to increase the original period and the four extension options in an estimated not to exceed \$119,654 per year, for a revised total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$2,098,270. **Motion to approve by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bernfeld, passed on a vote of 5-0.**
11. Recommend authorization to award, negotiate, and execute Amendment No. 4 to a contract with SOUTH LAMAR STORAGE, Austin, TX for the rental of off-site storage facilities for Austin Energy, to extend the contract for one 12-month extension option in an estimated not to exceed \$31,170, with one additional 12-month extension option in an estimated amount not to exceed \$31,170, for a revised total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$118,045. **Motion to approve on consent by Commissioner Bernfeld, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, passed on a vote of 5-0.**
12. Recommend authorization to award and execute a 36-month requirements supply contract with PRIESTER-MELL & NICHOLSON INC., Austin, TX for the purchase of 3-phase dead front switch gear for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$942,300, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$314,100 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,884,600. **Motion to approve on consent by Commissioner Bernfeld, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, passed on a vote of 5-0.**
13. Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with NOLAN POWER GROUP, LLC, Houston, TX for the purchase of battery banks for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$138,325, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$138,325 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$691,625. **Motion to approve by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bernfeld, passed on a vote of 5-0.**
14. Recommend authorization to award, negotiate, and execute a 12-month requirements service contract with GREEN CONSTRUCTOR GROUP, LLC, (WB), Coupland, TX, to provide maintenance and repairs of stormwater ponds owned, operated and or affecting Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$200,000 with five 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$100,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$700,000. **Motion to approve by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bernfeld, passed on a vote of 5-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

15. Discussion of Austin Energy's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Development. Presentation by Elaine Hart, Chief Financial Officer.

STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

16. Monthly Financial Report by Elaine Hart, Chief Financial Officer.
17. Deferred Payment Arrangements and Disconnections Report. This report was included in the backup materials. There was no discussion.
18. Update on Austin Energy's Rate Redesign by Larry Weis, General Manager, and Ann Little, Vice President, Finance and Corporate Services.
19. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Andy Perny, Assistant City Attorney, announced that the Electric Utility Commission would convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.086, Public Power Utility Competitive Matters, of the Texas Government Code to discuss matters relating to Austin Energy generation resources. The Executive Session began at 7:45 p.m. and ended at 8:07 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

20. Request agenda items including information related to the Upcoming Procurements Report – Commissioner Webber said he would ask staff about two planned purchases for the Sand Hill Energy Center at next month's meeting. Commissioner Bernfeld requested a report on software purchases made in the last year and plans for purchases in the coming year, including costs and functions of each purchase. He would like to know how Austin Energy approaches software purchases and whether there are companies that can serve multiple functions. This report will be emailed to members.
21. **ADJOURN** – Vice Chair Shaw adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. without objection.